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**NEWLY APPOINTED REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
RECOGNIZED AT 2002 ANNUAL RETREAT**

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**Rialto Councilwoman Deborah Robertson, San Bernardino Councilwoman Susan Lien and  
Glendale Councilman Bob Yousefian Appointed to the Regional Council**

**LOS ANGELES, CA.** – At its annual retreat, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announced the recent appointments of three new members to its Regional Council, the agency's decision-making body composed of 71 city and county elected officials and regional transportation commission representatives. Specifically, the Regional Council welcomed Rialto City Councilwoman Deborah Robertson, San Bernardino City Councilwoman Susan Lien and Glendale City Councilman Bob Yousefian. Regional Council members are elected by their respective "subregional" councils of government for service on the SCAG Board for two-year terms.

Councilwoman Robertson was elected to the Rialto City Council in 2000. She serves as a representative to the League of California Cities' Transportation, Communications and Public Works Committee and SCAG's Community, Economic and Human Development Committee. She also serves on the governing board of the San Bernardino Associated Governments in addition to serving as a member of the Budget Oversight, Redevelopment and Citizens Advisory Committees for the city of Rialto.

Councilwoman Lien served her first term on the San Bernardino City Council in 1998 and was re-elected in 2002. She currently chairs the city's Legislative Review Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Regional Water Resources Authority. In addition to her involvement as a city official and volunteer for several local organizations, she has an extensive background in community service.

Councilman Yousefian was elected to the Glendale City Council in 2001. He is vice chair of the Glendale Housing Authority and the Glendale Redevelopment Agency. He is also active in numerous community-based organizations throughout the Glendale area, including Glendale Beautiful, the Homeowners Coordinating Council, the Glendale Neighborhood Task Force and the Glendale Unified School District's Superintendent Community Advisory Committee.

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The appointments of these three new members to SCAG's various policy committees and task forces are expected to take place over the next several months.

Over the past three decades, SCAG has evolved into the largest regional planning organization in the United States, functioning as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and Ventura. The Southern California region encompasses a population exceeding 16 million persons in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. As the designated MPO, SCAG is mandated by the federal government to research and develop plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality. For more information about the work of the Southern California Association of Governments, please visit the SCAG website at [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).

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